GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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RESTORATION OF MARR SYSTEM
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the total rural Telecommunication system has collapsed dueto use of sub-standard materials under the MARR services ;

(b) if so, the numberof Telehones under MARRsystem functioning and out of order at present in the West Bengal particulrly in Japlaiguri and Coochbehar districts, exchange-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to restore the system ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a). 16 out of 262 telephones (6.1%) under MARR System in Coochbehar and 57 out of 529 telephones (10.7%) under MARR system in Jalpaiguri and 8876 out of 11713 telephones (7.6%) under MARR system in the State of West Bengal are out of order at present.

(c) Annual maintenance contract has been made with the supplier companies and a circle repairing Centre is functioning since June,1998 for quick restoration of faulty system.